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REPORT OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

Addendum

II. RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS

E. Other matters

1. The Committee noted with appreciation the participation in its work and that of its Subcommittees by the representatives of FAO, IAEA, ITU, WMO, UNESCO, UNIDO, ESA, INTELSAT, COSPAR, IAF, ILA and ISPRS. The Committee expressed its appreciation to those organizations that had submitted reports on their activities and requested that concerned organizations continue to keep it informed of their activities relating to the peaceful uses of outer space.

2. The Committee recommended that the Secretariat should invite Member States to submit annual reports on their space activities. In addition to information on national and international space programmes, the reports could include information in response to requests from the Working Group of the Whole as well as information on spin-off benefits of space activities and other topics as requested by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

3. The Committee recalled its recommendation, made during its 1992 session, subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in paragraph 20 of its resolution 47/67, to discuss the possibility of holding a third UNISPACE Conference. Keeping in view the recommendations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its thirtieth session, that COPUOS should address the question of holding such a conference and discuss the objectives, and goals, and such aspects as organization, venue, timing, and funding implications, the Committee considered in general terms some of the broad issues related to this matter.

4. The Committee requested that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee further discuss the subject of a third UNISPACE conference at its next session with a view to promoting an early conclusion on the matter by the Committee. The Committee noted that the most important step is to define a set of sharply focused objectives for such a Conference. Details such as organization, venue, timing and funding aspects should also be considered. The Committee noted that

the goals set for such a Conference might also be achieved through other means, including intensification of work within COPUOS. Finally, the Committee took note of the proposal made by the Government of India, as a developing country, to host a third UNISPACE conference at its Space Centre in Bangalore.

5. The Committee noted the interest that had been expressed by some States in becoming members of the Committee. ...

6. The Committee decided to grant, at the request of the organization, permanent observer status to the Association of Space Explorers, on the understanding that, in accordance with the agreement of the Committee at its thirty-third session concerning observer status for non-governmental organizations (A/45/20, para. 137), the Association would apply for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

7. The Committee noted that in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, the Office for Outer Space Affairs, with its multisectoral programme of political, legal, technological and technical assistance activities, would be relocated to the United Nations Office at Vienna. The Committee further noted that as part of that restructuring, the Office would be responsible for servicing the Committee, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, the Legal Subcommittee and their subsidiary bodies. It was also informed that the Office would continue to cooperate with the Office of Legal Affairs in fulfilling its extended responsibilities.

8. The Committee agreed that the meetings of the Committee and of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee should be held in Vienna in accordance with the headquarters rule as contained in resolution 40/243. As to the Legal Subcommittee, the Committee decided that its thirty-third session be held in Vienna and that the venue for its subsequent meetings be reviewed in the light of the 1994 session.

Additional paragraph on space debris

9. Some delegations expressed the view that the above recommendation should be without prejudice to the consideration of this item by the Legal Subcommittee in a subsequent stage and on the basis of the achievements in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. Other delegations noted that in light of the current state of understanding of the subject of space debris, they were not prepared to consider the issue in the Legal Subcommittee.